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House Bills

HB 1886 by Representatives Linville, G. Chandler, Grant, Doumit, B. Chandler and Hatfield

Reducing the tax on health products for animals.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 4/17/01)

Reduces the tax on health products for animals.
Takes effect August 1, 2001.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 First reading, referred to Finance.
Mar 8 FIN - Executive action taken by committee.
FIN - Majority; do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Apr 17 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 1.

- IN THE SENATE -

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1926-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sehlin, H. Sommers, Romero and Wood; by request of Secretary of State)

Increasing the surcharge on county auditor recording fees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the division of archives and records management within the office of the secretary of state shall provide records management training for local governments and shall establish a competitive grant program to solicit and prioritize project proposals from local governments for potential funding to be paid for by funds from the auditor surcharge and tax warrant surcharge revenues. Application for specific projects may be made by local government agencies only. The state archivist in consultation with the advisory committee established under RCW 40.14.027 shall adopt rules governing project eligibility, evaluation, awarding of grants, and other criteria including requirements for records management training for grant recipients.

Directs the advisory committee established under RCW 40.14.027 to review grant proposals and establish a prioritized list of projects to be considered for funding by January 1st of each even-numbered year beginning in 2002. The evaluation of proposals and development of the

prioritized list must be developed through open public meetings.

Provides that, in addition to the existing surcharge authorized by law, the county auditor shall charge a surcharge of one dollar per instrument for every document recorded after January 1, 2002. Revenue generated through this surcharge shall be transmitted to the state treasurer monthly for deposit in the archives and records management account to be used exclusively for the construction and improvement of a specialized regional facility located in eastern Washington designed to serve the archives, records management, and digital data management needs of local government.

Requires that, to the extent the facilities are used for the storage and retrieval of state agency records and digital data, that portion of the construction of such facilities used for state government records and data shall be supported by other charges and fees paid by state agencies and shall not be supported by the surcharge authorized in this act.

Provides that, at such time that all debt service from construction on such facility has been paid, fifty percent of the surcharge authorized by this act shall be reverted to the centennial document preservation and modernization account as prescribed in RCW 36.22.170 and fifty percent of the surcharge authorized by this act shall be reverted to the state treasurer for deposit in the archives and records management account to serve the archives, records management, and digital data management needs of local government.

Repeals 1996 c 245 s 2 (uncodified).

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 12 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Apr 18 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2138-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives G. Chandler, Linville, Mulliken, Clements, Ericksen, Hatfield, Sump, Doumit, Morell, Grant, Pearson, Schoesler, Barlean, Buck, B. Chandler, Edwards and Jackley)

Promoting rural economic development.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 4/17/01)

Promotes rural economic development.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to provide a tax rate for persons who manufacture dairy products that is commensurate to the rate imposed on certain other processors of agricultural commodities. This tax rate applies to persons who manufacture dairy products from raw materials such as fluid milk, dehydrated milk, or byproducts of milk such as cream, buttermilk, whey, butter, or casein.

Declares that it is not the intent of the legislature to provide this tax rate to persons who use dairy products as an ingredient or component of their manufactured product, such as milk-based soups or pizza. It is the intent that persons who manufacture products such as milk, cheese,

yogurt, ice cream, whey, or whey products be subject to this rate.

Provides that the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales to farmers of propane or natural gas used to heat structures used to house chickens. The propane or natural gas must be used exclusively to heat the structures. The structures must be used exclusively to house chickens that are sold as agricultural products.

Provides that the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW do not apply with respect to the use by a farmer of propane or natural gas to heat structures used to house chickens.

Provides that the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales to a farmer of bedding materials used to accumulate and facilitate the removal of chicken manure. The farmer must be raising chickens that are sold as agricultural products.

Declares that the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW do not apply with respect to the use by a farmer of bedding materials used to accumulate and facilitate the removal of chicken manure. The farmer must be raising chickens that are sold as agricultural products.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 8 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Apr 17 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

1st substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed: yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 1.

- IN THE SENATE -

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Senate Bills

SB 6177-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Morton, Brown, Winsley, Fairley, T. Sheldon, Finkbeiner, Franklin, Jacobsen, Spanel, Regala, Snyder, Prentice, Patterson, Hargrove, Constantine and Kohl-Welles)

Managing energy supply and demand.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) A sufficient, reliable, and affordable supply of energy is critically important to the health and welfare of the citizens of the state and to the prosperity of the state and region;

(2) The state is experiencing dramatic increases in the costs of electricity and natural gas as a result of many factors out of the state's direct control, and these unprecedented price increases have a disproportionate impact on the low-income citizens of the state;

(3) It remains in the state's best interest to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources and to reduce the reliance on a limited number of the energy resources used in this state;

(4) Energy generation and distribution systems and technologies have changed greatly since the original enactment of the state's energy facility siting laws thirty years ago. Experience during this time has demonstrated that a state council with the primary responsibility for energy facility siting approval is warranted, but that its procedures and authorities can be improved to enhance energy supplies;

(5) Existing legislative oversight of the state's response to energy shortages is in need of updating since the original creation of the joint legislative committee on energy and utilities after the last energy crisis; and

(6) The current energy situation requires that the state undertake economic and policy decisions to effectuate both short-term and long-term solutions that will assist individual consumers as well as commercial and industrial customers of electricity while protecting the environment.

Declares an intent of this act to: (1) Help mitigate the adverse consequences of recent utility rate increases on Washington's low-income citizens by creating incentives for gas and electric utilities to adopt billing discounts and to make contributions to low-income energy assistance programs;

(2) Provide electricity consumers the opportunity to exercise their market power by choosing to purchase power from alternative energy resources including renewable resources, and to reward businesses and utilities that become "EnergySmart";

(3) Modify the statutory procedures and authorities of the energy facility siting evaluation council to encourage generators to operate their facilities to their fullest capacity;

(4) Modify the name and statutory procedures of the joint legislative committee tasked with providing oversight in times of energy shortages;

(5) Offer limited tax incentives to direct service industrial customers to develop alternative sources of electricity and relieve the burden their demand places on the Bonneville power administration; and

(6) Remove unnecessary barriers to the development of new, cost-based electricity generation resources by public agencies.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 EEW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

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